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TECHNICAL FIELD VISIT

DATE: January 28, 1999.

DOGM STAFF: Robert Davidson, Paul Baker, Sharon Falvey, Pam Grubaugh-Littig, Wayne Western

ATTENDANTS: Patrick Collins, Mt. Nebo Scientific; Dave Shaver, Analex

RE: Bond Release Field Visit, NEICO, Wellington Prep Plant, Carbon County, Utah

Purpose:

- Soil Borrow Portion of Visit: Observe, discuss and finalize issues regarding the proposed topsoil borrow areas affected by bond release and post-mining land use changes.

Background:

- Proposed topsoil borrow area B and most of area C are being currently being negotiated for release from the permit area via a post-mining land use change and bond release. The current amendment has been reviewed by a Division soil's specialist (Ms. Priscilla Burton) and found to be deficient with regard to proposed soil borrow area replacement and ultimate impact on the environment. Therefore, the plan for a post-mining land use change and bond release includes a proposal to delete certain parts of the two topsoil borrow areas, C and H, from the permit area and to add a new area, I.
- On the January 15, 1999 field visit, West Ridge Resources verbally committed for changing some of their plans. A portion of borrow area C that was no longer needed for site development was selected for remaining within the permitted area as soil borrow. To avoid as much disturbance as possible, and to retain this portion of borrow area C within the permit area, both Mr. Baker and Mr. Davidson agreed a temporary road could be built across area C to access a gravel borrow site.

Field Observations:

- A northwest corner of Borrow Area B was selected for being retained within the permit area as soil borrow with the option for West Ridge Resources to salvage 15,000 CY of soil from B during site development.

Recommendations and Conclusions:

- The soil salvage option from the excised portion of Area B would be under the direction of a soil scientist with approval from the Division Soil Reclamation Specialist. Additional soil resource information is not required for the excised portion since this area is undisturbed and is currently described in the MRP for Greybull soil series.
- Retain the portion of Borrow Area B within the permit area as agreed between Mr. Shaver and Mr. Davidson. This area will likely supply enough soil material to replace soil borrow lost from Borrow Area H.

Signature:

Robert A. Davidson, Soils Reclamation Specialist

on: January 25, 1999